Prime Minister has announced the ambitious 'Sagar Mala' programme for rapid capacity expansion and modernization of ports along India's West and East Coasts. According to the announcement, development of Inland Navigation will also be a part of this programme. As a first step, integrated development of Nhava Sheva and Kochi ports, at a cost of Rs. 7500 crores, will begin by March, 2004. Outline of the programme is being worked out. However, an investment of over Rs. 100,000 crores to be financed both from public funds and through private sector is envisaged in the programme.

(c) Paradip Port is the only major port in Orissa under the control of the Central Government. A plan outlay of Rs. 222.70 crores has been approved for development of Paradip Port during the Tenth Plan period (2002-07). Ports other than major ports are under the overall control of the respective State Governments.

(d) The issue of new ports to be set up is being considered as part of the 'Sagar Mala' programme.

Cargo Loading in Port Sector

2119. SHRI S.P.M SYED KHAN:Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the cargo loading and unloading during the last three years, port-wise; and

(b) the status of the on-going port projects undertaken by the Government of Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI DILIPKUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI): (a) The port-wise cargo handled during the last three years including loaded/unloaded and transshipped cargo is given below:

(In Million tonnes)

Name of the Port	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Kolkata	30.00	30.40	35.80
Paradip	19.90	21.13	23.90

Name of the Port	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Visakhapatnam	44.69	44.34	46.01
Ennore*	—	3.40	8.49
Chennai	41.22	36.12	33.69
Tuticorin	12.28	13.02	13.29
Cochin	13.12	12.06	13.00
New Mangalore	17.89	17.50	21.43
Mormugao	19.63	22.93	23.65
Jawaharlal Nehru	18.58	22.52	26.84
Mumbai	27.06	26.43	26.80
Kandla	36.74	37.73	40.63

*Port became operational with effect from 22.06.2001.

(b) In the State of Tamil Nadu there are three major ports *viz.* Ennore Port, Chennai Port Trust and Tuticorin Port Trust which are under the administrative control of Government of India. There is no on-going project being undertaken by State Government of Tamil Nadu in any of these three Major Ports. Other ports in Tamil Nadu are under the administrative control of State Government of Tamil Nadu.

Decline in the demand for Sea Cadets

2120. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR:Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a step decline in the demand for sea cadets and if so, whether more than 50,000 trained cadets are still unemployed;

(b) whether in view of the over supply of trained cadets Government would impose restrictions on registration of new institutes; and

(c) when a slump in demand for sea cadets was forecast by the global shipping industry, why Government had thrown open the field of maritime education to the private sector?